

WILLIMANTIC

What is Going On Tonight.
Trinity Chapter, No. 9, R. A. M., at 8 o'clock.
Owenshaw Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., at 8 o'clock.
Business meeting of the Trustees of the Baptist Church.
Social and Dance at Town Hall for Red Cross.
Annual Meeting of the Thread City Cylinders.

HERBERT E. WHITE
COMMITTS SUICIDE.
Franklin Man, Despondent, Hangs Himself in the Barn.

Herbert E. White of Franklin committed suicide by hanging in a barn at his home in that place Tuesday night. It is thought that he was despondent over poor health, as he had been ill for some time.
He was last seen alive about the premises in the early forenoon, and his body was found hanging in the barn at noon by his son, Byron P. White. The medical examiner was summoned and after viewing the body gave permission for its removal.
Mr. White was born in Mansfield Aug. 2, 1855, the son of Lester and Anna Abbe White. He had spent most of his life in Franklin, where he ran a farm, and had a large circle of friends.
He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Anna White, one son, Byron P. White, three daughters, Cella L. and Mildred E. White and Mrs. Albert Ward of Franklin, two brothers, Albert White of Manchester and Frank M. White of Chaplin, and two sisters, Mrs. George Chamberlain of North Windham and Mrs. Carrie Spidel of Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

OBITUARY.

Bertha Auclair.
The death of Bertha Auclair, aged 18, occurred at her mother's home at 2 Francis street Tuesday afternoon after an illness of two months. She was born in North Stockley, Canada, Dec. 24, 1899, and is survived by her mother, Mrs. Celine Auclair, two sisters, Misses Eva and Beatrice, and three brothers, Alexandre, Leopold and Alphonse Auclair.

TO LEAVE FRIDAY.

List of Men Who Are to Go to Camp Upton Announced by Local Board.

Wednesday morning the local exemption board made a list of the men who are to leave this city Friday morning at 7:30 for Camp Upton, N. Y., for the national army. The list follows: Michael Casey, Leopold Oliver, William P. Kelley, Arthur F. McNichol, Archie Hamel, George B. Latham, Paul L. Vandermant, Frank L. Reed, Arthur T. Blanchard, Walter Tatro, Arthur J. Langlois, Samuel Spiegel, Hermonides Coulter, William L. Raymond, L. Block, Plainfield; Patrick Donlon, Bryant; Fred Moriarty, Fall River, Mass.; Halle Rivers, East Brimfield, Mass.; Michael F. Denehey, Louis Hayler, New York city; Edmund Paul, Claude O. Washburn, Norwich; William Kivlin, George W. Hewlings, Hampton; Edmund Renaud, Frederick J. Beehey, Vernon R. Casey, Brooklyn; Kenneth Waldo, Ohio; Walter Hawkins, Meaco; Assad T. Hadad, New London; Sebastiano Zito, Alabama; Adelard Vanasse, New Bedford.
They will report for the first roll call Thursday evening at the town hall at 5 o'clock. The train which is to take them to New Haven is the regular train. They will change to a special with a box lunch in that city. The special will arrive in Camp Upton, Yaphank, N. Y., at 3 o'clock.
The local board received word on Wednesday that Joseph W. Denome of Moosup, who was sent to Germany in the September quota, has been discharged.

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CITY COURT.

Assault Case Nolle—Albert Fortek, 14, Bound Over for Theft.

The case of Adam Postemsky, charged with assault on his cousin, Frank Postemsky, heard in the city court Wednesday morning, was nolle because of conflicting evidence. Judge F. H. Foss warned both men that if they appear before the court again a more severe view of their case will be taken.

Albert Fortek, 14, was charged with stealing a bicycle, two gold watches valued at \$48, \$49 in money, and with breaking and entering a house. He pleaded guilty to stealing the watches through guardian ad litem W. C. Lyman. As the case was beyond the jurisdiction of the police court, because of the large amount of money involved, he was bound over to the next term of the Windham county superior court under a bond of \$100, which was furnished.

The bicycle was stolen from the streets some time ago. Tuesday a bicycle repair man notified the police that it had been brought to him. The boy who had it then said that he bought it from Fortek and Fortek said that he bought it from a boy in Lebanon, but no such boy as he described could be found by the police. The watches had been sold, but were recovered by the police.

The boy's parents were present at court and said that he had been a good boy as far as they knew. He had gone to school until he was a little over 14, when he went to work. The first they knew of the theft was when the boy did not show up Tuesday evening, and neighbors said that he had been locked up. The father said he had his children and during the court it was brought out that one of them is now at the reform school in Meriden.

Internal Revenue Official.

John E. Tobin, representing the internal revenue department of the federal government, has been assigned to have charge of the district, including this city and its suburbs. He will make his office in this city and one of the taxes he will investigate to the greatest extent will be the war taxes due at dances, shows and entertainments.

Halyards Broken.
Windham High school will have need of a stepladder soon for one end of the halyards on the flagpole has been pulled up to the top of the pole, which is about 70 feet high, and the upper loop of the large American flag which is displayed every day broke. Mr. Case said that it was possible that the end of the rope may be reached from the top of the building with a long bamboo pole, a distance of about 35 feet, horizontally.

A 56-star service flag has been ordered for the school and will be paid for by the junior class with the proceeds of a masquerade given by them at the high school a short time ago.

Pupils Buy War Stamps.
Up to the beginning of the Easter vacation at the high school, which ended last Monday, the sale of thrift and war savings stamps at the high school reached \$1,550.70. Out of a total registration of 401, 219 of the students have purchased stamps, with \$8 of the seniors in Room 21 leading with \$497.25 worth.

Food Demonstration.
About 50 attended the food demonstration and lecture at W. C. T. U. hall Wednesday afternoon by Miss Charlotte Emberton of the Windham county farm bureau. The aim of the lecture was to show how potatoes may be used to replace wheat in many instances. Miss Laura Chesbro and Mrs. O. M. Clark assisted in the demonstration.

Freed from Jail, Fine Paid.

Samuel Spector, who was fined \$5 and costs, amounting to \$12.50, in Monday's police court for peddling in Brooklyn jail Wednesday after his fine had been paid by friends. He was unable to pay Monday, so he was taken to jail.

FUNERAL.

Francis P. Hickey.
In the solemn high requiem mass at St. Joseph's church Wednesday at 9 o'clock for Francis P. Hickey (the celebrant was Rev. Felix J. O'Neill) St. Edward's church, Stafford Springs, the deacon Rev. Otto Boumeister of St. Andrew's church, Colchester, and the sub-deacon Rev. Ludovic Paradis of St. Mary's church, Willimantic. There was a large attendance. The bearers were John, Edward, Louis, Eugene, Arthur and Francis Ashton, nephews of the deceased. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery. A committee service was read at the grave by Rev. Felix J. O'Neill.

Want Men For Merchant Marine.
No local young men have enlisted in the Merchant Marine at the Willimantic recruiting office, which is located in the Wilson Drug store on Main street to date, although several have inquired there about the service.

This branch of the service open to men of draft age, and experience in that sort of work is not essential. But

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FUNERAL.

Napoleon Blanchard.
Funeral services for Napoleon Blanchard were held at St. Anne's church in Glasgow Wednesday morning. Re-

ter wages are given than in the army, and the men are exempted from the draft who enlist in it. Fred J. Williams has charge of the work in the store and may be seen there at practically any time during the day.

Attended Hartford Meeting.

P. W. Carey and Thomas Shea of this city, representing a local hotel and restaurant respectively, were in Hartford, Wednesday attending the meeting of Connecticut restaurant managers to discuss the food situation. There were about four hundred present and short talks were given in the ways in which they could help the wheat conserving plan. A committee was appointed to draw up a set of rules which will be discussed at a latter meeting.

EIGHT NURSES GRADUATE FROM ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL.

Large Attendance at the Exercises Held Wednesday Evening.

Eight nurses, composing the 1918 class at St. Joseph's hospital, this city, were graduated at St. Mary's hall Wednesday evening. About 150 people were present to witness the ceremonies and included many graduate nurses, and Willimantic medical men. The front of the hall was decorated with American flags and the graduates class wore their professional costumes. The programme follows: March of Triumph, Mrs. Archibald Turner; entrance of class; I Hear You Calling Me, M. J. Farrell; address to class by S. B. Overlock, M. D. of Pomfret; The Old, Old Love, Miss Helen Sweeney; I Love You Truly, Mrs. J. E. Sullivan; The Song That Reached My Heart, Mrs. Henry Mathieu; presentation of diplomas, P. E. Guilford M. D. of Windham; The Star Spangled Banner, M. J. Farrell.

The class is composed of the following: Miss Kingsberger, Fitchville; Miss Margaret Sliney, Norwich; Miss Florence Fagan of Hartford; Miss Mary Dunleavy, South Windham; Miss Alice Driscoll, Jewett City; Miss Celia Lassard, Willimantic; Miss Mary Rooney, Willimantic; and Miss Hedwig, Baltic.

The course of training at St. Joseph's hospital takes a trifle over two years to complete.

Brevities.

Donald Kramer, who has been studying at Princeton university for a pilot in the U. S. Army corps has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Walden of New York city are spending a few days with Mr. Walden's mother, Mrs. John Walden, of this city.

A meeting of the trustees of the Baptist church will be held tonight to discuss a successor to the late Fayette Gos on the board.

Robert Logan of Hartford will speak before the Willimantic Women's club Thursday evening on "Citizenship and Its Uses in the Present War."

JEWETT CITY

Mt. Vernon Lodge Observes Ladies' Night — Reliance Lodge Initiates Four—Ashland Employees Buy \$10,300 Bonds — Total Subscriptions \$39,000.

Mt. Vernon Lodge, No. 75, F. & A. M., held its forty-sixth annual Ladies' night in Finn's opera house Tuesday evening. A fine programme was given by local entertainers, assisted by Geer's orchestra of Norwich. The opening number was a selection by the orchestra. Mrs. G. H. Prior and Mrs. E. H. Hiscok sang the duet, Give Welcome to the Swallow. Richmond P. Gardner sang The King of the Main, and as an encore The Skipper of St. Ives. The young man is a junior in the Norwich Free Academy and this was his initial appearance as a soloist. How well he sang was evidenced by the hearty applause of an appreciative audience. After another selection by the orchestra E. D. Ballou sang The Gypsy Train. The closing number was a trio, The Distant Chimes, sung by Mrs. L. G. Buckingham, Mrs. Prior and Mrs. Hiscok. The accompanists were Mrs. E. E. Gilbert and Mrs. F. D. Ballou. The programme was announced by L. M. Carpenter, chairman of the committee. The grand march of sixty-one couples was led by the provisional master, F. L. Kanahan, and Mrs. Kanahan. There was a dance programme of fourteen numbers. Lunch was served in an adjoining room by a Norwich cooperator. The menu included chicken salad, potato salad, crabmeat, chicken and bread and butter sandwiches, olives, baked sausage, assorted cake, ice cream, punch and coffee. On the dance programmes was a photograph of Wallace H. Payne, worshipful master, now with the American Expeditionary Forces in France. The committee were: Master of ceremonies, Fred L. Kanahan, provisional W. M.; floor director, Robert J. Guy; aids, H. Gordon Willis, Geo. M. Robertson, Frank H. Hiscok; secretary of arrangements, Lewis M. Carpenter, William T. Crumb, Ernest A. Potter. Prof. F. H. Gilbert was the prompter.

Exemplified Degree.
Reliance Lodge, No. 29, I. O. O. F., enjoyed one of the most pleasant meetings of the season Monday evening, under the direction of Provisionary Noble Grand L. M. Carpenter at the exemplification of the initiatory degree on a class of four. The work of the degree team was of the best and was highly complimented by the distinguished state officials. There were present Grand Master G. M. Chapman of Waterbury, Grand Secretary W. S. Hutchinson of New Haven and District Deputy Fred Williams of Willimantic. All made interesting speeches for the general benefit of the order, with side lights on the war situation and other topics. At the close a lunch of sandwiches and coffee were served.

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All these changes are proposed in a bill based on administration recommendations and have been favorably reported from the banking and currency committee by Representative Phelan, of Massachusetts. Under the provision of the bill the present law is to be modified so as to leave to the discretion of the federal reserve board the grouping of the member banks of each district into three general groups or divisions, each group shall contain as nearly as may be one-third of the aggregate number of the banks of the district. The purpose of this mod-

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quiem mass was sung by Rev. R. P. Morrissey. Miss Marie Casavant of this place was at the organ. The services were largely attended. The bearers were Edmond Dayon, Magone, Noble Grand L. M. Carpenter, William Monsees and Amie Cemetery. Burial was in St. Thomas' cemetery, Voluntown. Funeral Director J. A. Hourigan was in charge.

OBITUARY

James Blanchette.
James Blanchette, 59, died at his home on the Daniel Vaughan farm in Norwich Tuesday afternoon. He was born in the province of Quebec, the son of Eusebe and Julia Marier Blanchard. He has been a resident of Griswold for many years. He was one of the best of citizens and was well known in this section. He made a success of his business—that of a farmer.

His wife and father survive him also three daughters, Misses Ida and Dona Blanchette and Mrs. Delia Potter, two sons, Delor and Arthur, two brothers, Eusebe and Peter, and two sisters, Mrs. Ida Waite and Mrs. Rosa L'Homme.

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It is to make as secure as possible a fair and equal representation on the directorate of the federal reserve banks for each group of banks, the large, medium-sized and small banks.

It also proposed to replace the present ballot method of electing a district reserve director, by a provision permitting each member bank to authorize its president or other officer to cast its vote in such elections. The aim is to obtain wider participation by the banks in the election of federal reserve bank directors.

National banks now act in fiduciary capacities when not in contravention of state or local laws. The bill extends these fiduciary capacities so as to include "guardian of estates, assignee, receiver, committee of estates of lunatics" and other fiduciary capacities permitted to state banks, trust companies or other corporations which compete with national banks under the laws of the states in which the particular national bank making application is located.

Issue of federal reserve notes in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000 in addition to the denominations under present law, the largest of which is only \$100, is proposed by the bill. Banks are constantly seeking issue of larger denominations and there are daily withdrawals of gold certificates from the federal reserve banks. It is asserted that federal reserve banks can pay out such federal reserve notes and by holding their gold certificates conserve their all-important gold supply.

A practice whereby any officer, director, employee or attorney of a bank stipulates for, or receives, a commission or some other thing of value for procuring for someone else a loan or the purchase or discount of paper or similar obligation, is to be prohibited under the bill. The payment of a greater rate of interest to any director, officer, attorney or other employee than to any other depositor, is prohibited. The bill embodies penal sections relating to the overcertification of checks, embezzlement, abstraction or willful misapplication of monies, funds or credits of federal reserve banks by their officers, agents or employees and to false entries by them. While this penalization now exists as

to national banks, there are no present laws covering the subject in federal reserve banks.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT ISSUED BY BERLIN

Says Forty British Marines Were Landed on the Mole of Zebrugge.

Berlin, via London, April 24.—An official statement issued today reads: "On Tuesday morning an enterprise of British naval forces against our Flanders' bases, conceived on a large scale and planned regardless of sacrifices, was frustrated."

"After a violent bombardment by the enemy at sea small cruisers, escorted by numerous destroyers and motor boats, under cover of a thick veil of artificial fog, pushed forward near Ostend and Zebrugge with the intention of destroying the locks and harbor works."

"According to prisoners four companies of marines were to occupy the mole at Zebrugge by a coup de main in order to destroy all structures, guns and war material thereon and the vessels lying in the harbor."

"Only about forty of them got on the mole. These fell into our hands, some alive and some dead. On the narrow high wall of the mole both parties fought with the utmost fierceness."

"Of the naval forces which participated in the attack the small cruisers Virginia, Enterprise and Sirius and two others of similar construction whose names are unknown, were sunk off the coast. Moreover, three destroyers and a considerable number of torpedo boats and motor boats were sunk by our artillery fire. Only a few men of the crews could be saved by

"Beyond the damage caused to the mole by a torpedo hit our harbor works are quite undamaged. Of our naval forces which participated in the attack no casualties were small."

LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR THE JEWISH STATE.

Bureaus Have Been Established at Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

salem and Tel Aviv preliminary to the actual work of laying the foundation for the Jewish state, according to the first official report from the commission, which has been received here by the provisional Zionist committee.

The report, under date of April 12, describes the demonstration which greeted the commission on its arrival at Tel Aviv. The Jewish suburb of Jaffa, on April 6, Dr. Chaim Weizman, head of the commission, replied in Hebrew to the address of welcome. The British military governor of Jaffa, who participated in the reception, expressed his sympathy with the Zionist aims.

The commission reports that several informal conferences with representatives of various organizations revealed that its work would have the cooperation of all elements of the Palestine population. Large sums of money, says the report, are needed to save the orange growers from ruin, owing to the inability of marketing the crops during the war.

BERLIN'S VERSION OF BRITISH NAVAL RAID

Claims Three British Destroyers and a Number of Motorboats Were Sunk.

Berlin, April 24, via London.—In the British naval raid Tuesday morning on the German submarine bases on the Belgian coast the German admiralty announces that in addition to the five British cruisers sunk near the coast, three destroyers and a number of motorboats were sunk by the fire of coast batteries.

BREAK OF 20 YARDS IN THE ZEEBRUGGE MOLE

According to Bulletin issued by the British Admiralty.

London, April 24.—Air observation shows a clear break of twenty yards in width in the Zebrugge mole at the inner end and that a sunken object blocks the greater part of the channel in the harbor of Ostend, according to an official bulletin issued by the admiralty.

On the Toronto Market the price of live hogs is \$20.50 [24 1/2] per cwt., as compared with \$14.90 [21] a year ago and \$10.50 [22 1/2] a year ago.